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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6909

BILL NUMBER: HB 1777

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 23, 2007

BILL AMENDED: Feb 23, 2007

SUBJECT: MLK Holiday Commission and Commission on the Social Status of Black Males.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Summers

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill requires the office of the Secretary of Family and Social Services, not the Civil Rights Commission, to provide staff support for the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Indiana Holiday Commission. The bill requires the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Indiana Holiday Commission to receive a separate line item appropriation in the state budget. The bill also provides that 5 members of the Commission constitute a quorum.

The bill requires the Commission on the Social Status of Black Males to appoint an executive director and assistant executive director. The bill requires the Division of Family Resources to provide staff and support upon the request of the Commission on the Social Status of Black Males or the executive director.

Effective Date: July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Indiana Holiday Commission Staff Support:* The bill requires the office of the Secretary of Family and Social Services (FSSA) to furnish staff support for the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Indiana Holiday Commission. Under current law, the Civil Rights Commission is required to do so. As proposed, the workload of the Civil Rights Commission would decrease and the workload of FSSA would increase. FSSA should be able to provide staff support within its existing level of resources.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Indiana Holiday Commission Budget: The bill establishes a separate line item in the biennial budget bill of the General Assembly and requires the budget of the Holiday Commission to be prepared separately from the budget of FSSA.

Background Information: Currently, the budget of the Holiday Commission is paid for from the budget of the Civil Rights Commission. Below are dollars spent on expenditures for the Holiday Commission meetings and on the budget for the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Celebration. The Civil Rights Commission reports that the Commission is also involved with the planning of the Holocaust observance each year. It is not known whether expenditures for the Holocaust observance would be included in the Holiday Commission's separate line item budget or if the expenditures would remain in the budget of the Civil Rights Commission. Below is a summary of expenditures for the Holiday Commission reported by the Civil Rights Commission.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Indiana Holiday Commission Meeting Expenditures	
Year	Expenditures
2005	\$1,025
2006	\$608
Average	\$817

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Indiana Holiday Commission Holiday Celebration Expenditures	
Year	Expenditures
2005	\$43,577
2006	\$21,172
2007*	\$21,936
Average	\$28,895
<i>*Note: Represents projected budget for the Celebration, which took place on January 10, 2007.</i>	

Holocaust Observance Expenditures:	
Year	Expenditures
2005	\$2,513
2006	\$3,641
Average	\$3,077

(Revised) *Commission on the Social Status of Black Males:* The bill requires the Commission on the Social Status of Black Males to appoint an executive director and assistance executive director. The Commission on the Social Status of Black Males reports that it currently employs an executive director and assistant executive director; thus, no additional fiscal impact is anticipated from the provision.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Family and Social Services Administration; Civil Rights Commission; Commission on the Status of Black Males; Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Indiana Holiday Commission.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Eric Chandler, Civil Rights Commission; Christine Cde Baca, Civil Rights Commission; Wayne Wellington, Commission on the Social Status of Black Males.

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